

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of )  
BROECKEL et al. ) BOX PCT  
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International Application )  
PCT/EP 98/ 05469 )  
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Filed: August 28, 1998 )  
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For: IMPREGNATED SALTS, A METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAID SALTS,  
AND THE USE OF THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 3" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 4" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 1, delete "or 7".

Claim 9, line 1, delete "any of claims 6 to 8" and insert --claim 6--.

Claim 10, line 1, delete "any of claims 6 to 9" and insert --claim 6--.

Claim 11, line 1 delete "any of claims 6 to 10" and insert --claim 6--.

Claim 14, lines 2 and 3, delete "as claimed in claim 1".

Claim 16, line 2, delete "as claimed in claim 6".

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to put them  
in better form for U.S. filing. No new matter has been added.

Favorable action is solicited.